

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Osamu OKUDA et al. :
Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch
Filed February 19, 2002 : Attorney Docket No. 2002_0260

COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/515,498,
Filed February 29, 2000)

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TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:


Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend
the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the original abstract with the enclosed substitute abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Between the Title and "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" insert the following
continuing data information:

 This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/515,498, filed February 29,
2000, which is a divisional application of 08/917,370, filed August 26, 1997, which is
now abandoned.